

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-15. (CANCELLED)

16. (NEW) Tile mounting system, comprising at least one substantially flat grid element comprising a number of mutually intersecting walls which bound tile compartments lying therebetween, characterized in that the grid element is at least substantially form-retaining and that the walls are adapted to receive a tile fitting in a tile compartment therebetween.

17. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the walls are provided on their side directed toward a tile compartment with a moisture seal for receiving a tile thereagainst.

18. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the moisture seal comprises a flexible strip extending in the tile compartment.

19. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the grid element, for the purpose of receiving a tile thereon, extends partially along the walls within the compartments.

20. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the grid element is provided along the walls within the compartments with a glue bead for receiving a tile thereon.

21. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 20, characterized in that the glue bead also at least partially forms a moisture seal to the walls of the grid element which bound the compartment.

22. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the grid element extends partially within the compartments and is provided with fastening provisions for fixing the grid element to a surface for tiling.

23. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that the fastening provisions comprise continuous bores for receiving an anchoring element therein.

24. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that the fastening provisions comprise gutters which are arranged in the walls and which open on a rear side of the grid element and are adapted to receive an adhesive therein.

25. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that the fastening provisions comprise a

self-adhesive layer arranged on a rear side of the grid element.

26. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the grid element is provided on a periphery with coupling members which are able to co-act with coupling members of a further grid element to form a substantially form-retaining mutual connection.

27. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 26, characterized in that the coupling members comprise a snap member on a first grid element and a complementary snap cavity on the further grid element which extend from outer ends of walls of the two grid elements directed toward each other.

28. (NEW) Mounting system as claimed in claim 26 characterized in that the coupling members comprise a groove on a first grid element and a complementary rib on the further grid element which extend from walls of the two grid elements directed toward each other.

29. (NEW) Method for tiling a surface, characterized in that a mounting system as claimed in claim 16 is fixed to the surface and that tiles are then placed in compartments provided for this purpose in a grid element of the mounting system.

30. (NEW) Method as claimed in claim 29, characterized in that the tiles in the compartments are fastened to the grid element.